



Key Quotes

Speaker of the European Parliament Martin Schulz has stressed that **“the solution of the Cyprus problem must be based on the principles on which the EU is founded and on the relevant decisions of the UN Security Council”**. In addition, he stresses that **“Turkey’s EU accession is based on the European Council’s decisions on the 14th and 15th of December 2006, which stipulate that eight negotiation chapters will not open and no chapter will close unless Turkey fully implements the Additional Protocol of Ankara”** (famagusta-gazette.com, CY, 19/3).
<http://famagusta-gazette.com/schulz-solution-in-cyprus-to-be-based-on-eu-principles-p22734-69.htm>

Summary

Serbian election result seen from the EU

EU chief for foreign policy, Baroness Catherine Ashton congratulated the Serbian people on their elections. Baroness Ashton declared that **“Aleksandar Vučić has already stressed his support for talks and the implementation of the agreement between Belgrade and Pristina”**. According to Ms. Ashton, Vučić will be a strong partner for the continuation of the dialogue. Ashton said that in spite of the talks and in anticipation of the creation of the new government, she will visit Belgrade. A senior EU representative has contacted authorities in Belgrade and Pristina for a new round of talks and hopes that they will be held soon (balkaneu.com, EL, 18/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 18/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/vucic-backs-talks-pristina-belgrade-baroness-ashton/>

Serbian election result seen from Germany

The rapporteur of the German CDU and Christian Social Union for Foreign Policy, Philipp Mißfelder, said that Serbia is on the right path toward the European Union and he demanded Belgrade recognize Kosovo as an independent state. Mißfelder said that yesterday’s elections in Serbia and the victory of SNS **“are a step forward for Serbia”**. He said that there must now be implementation of the plan coming out of the talks between Kosovo and Serbia, talks which should lead to the recognition of Kosovo by Serbia (balkaneu.com, EL, 17/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 17/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/misfelder-talks-serbia-recognize-kosovo/>

Serbian election result seen from Croatia

On Monday, Croatian opposition leader Tomislav Karamarko said he would like Serbia to experience a transformation after yesterday’s early parliamentary election and that his HDZ party would advocate good relations with Serbia as a prerequisite for a stable region. Asked what position Croatia should take regarding Serbia’s EU path in the wake of Serbia’s genocide counter-suit against Croatia, he said Serbia would have to re-evaluate some of the events from the 1990s if she wished to succeed on her European path and give the impression that the wish was authentic. **“Serbia will have to say that Croatia was attacked in order to annex part of Croatian territory and to proclaim a so-called Greater Serbia”** he said, adding that if Serbia did that, it would pass the test and be able to count on Croatia’s help on its EU path (dalje.com, HR, 17/3).

- dalje.com, HR, 17/3, <http://dalje.com/en-croatia/croatian-opposition-chief-would-like-serbia-to-undergo-transformation/503062>

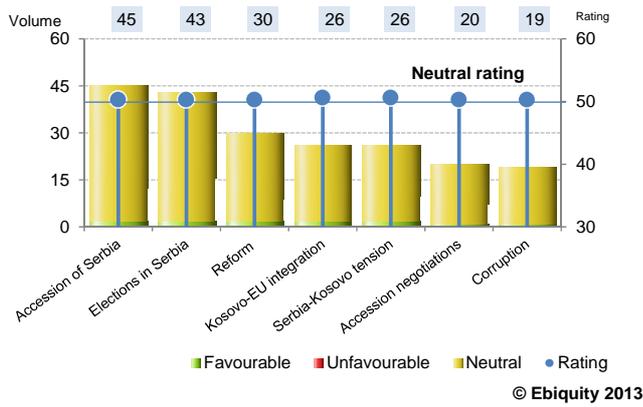
Upcoming Turkish elections

Hurriyet Daily News (15.03.14) reported that 18 members of the European Parliament, led by liberal Dutch MEP Marietje Schaake, have sent a letter to EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and European Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle to request them to set up an EU election observer mission for the monitoring of the forthcoming municipal elections. **“Given the current crisis, this step is not just important, it is necessary”** Schaake said. The letter pointed to structural problems in Turkey which had resurfaced in recent months regarding the rule of law, the separation of powers and respect for basic human rights (hri.org, CY, 17/3).

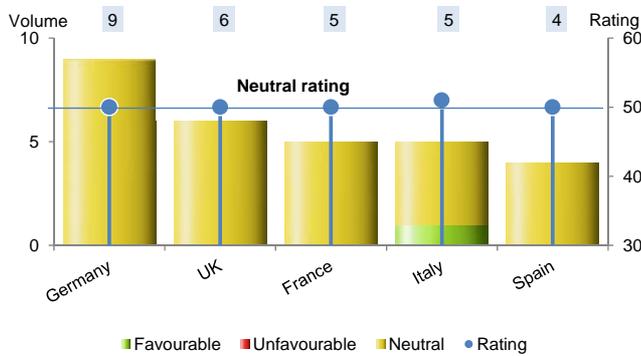
- hri.org, CY, 17/3, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-03-17.tcpr.html>

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Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	40
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	5
Philipp Mißfelder (Politician, Germany)	4
Baroness Catherine Ashton (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	3

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